

Minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of the Winslow City Council held on March 22, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. in the main hall of the Winslow Visitor's Center, 523 West Second Street, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Cano, Councilmember Boyd, Councilmember Cake, Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember Jackson, Councilmember Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember MacLean

STAFF:

John Barkley City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney (via Zoom), Suzy Wetzell City Clerk, David Coolidge Assistant City Manager, Elias Jouen Finance Director, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Ken Arend Police Chief, James Hernandez Fire Chief, Sandra Knight Recreation Manager, Una Wirkebau Economic Development Director

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Councilmember Boyd. Roll call was taken and Councilmembers MacLean was absent. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to excuse the absent member. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson and Nelson voting yes.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Councilmember Crisp announced details of the following events:

- Prom dress giveaway on March 31st hosted by the Soroptimist, the S Club & the Cherry Bombs
- Free Gardening Workshop & Seed Swap on March 26th hosted by Westwood Farms
- Agriculture Community Meeting, also on March 26th, hosted by the Economic Development Director
- Start of Farmers Market season on May 7th
- St. Mary's/Rotary food distribution on March 24th

- The Third Annual Empty Bowls fundraising event on April 8th hosted by the Junior High Arts Club

Mayor Cano provided information regarding a Music in the Park event scheduled for Saturday, March 26th that is being held in conjunction with the Arts Council Community Canvass event. Mayor Cano also provided information regarding the National League of Cities Conference that she and Councilmember MacLean recently attended in Washington D.C. stating that funds should be budgeted in the new budget so that the Council can attend next year.

Mayor Cano then announced that Winslow has been chosen to host the Rural Policy Forum and encouraged the Council to plan on attending.

Councilmember Nelson stated that donations are needed for the Prom Dress Giveaway.

B. Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Nelson referred to requests that she continues to receive and asked the City Manager look into offering night swim lessons. The City Manager responded by stating that this has been made a priority for this Spring.

Councilmember Crisp requested that a presentation be provided at a future meeting to provide information regarding approved items that can be recycled. The City Manager advised that he will invite Waste Management to give an update on recycling. Councilmember Crisp stated that there is a private business on the outside of town that does recycling for larger items and that perhaps they could also be invited to give a presentation.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation – Proclaiming the Month of March as Women’s History Month

Mayor Cano read the proclamation.

B. Proclamation – Proclaiming the Month of April as Fair Housing Month

Mayor Cano read the proclamation.

C. Quarterly Hospital Report Which May Include General Updated Regarding Little Colorado Medical Center Activities and COVID-19 Case Update

Christy Ross, Chief Quality Officer at Little Colorado Medical Center and who joined the meeting via Zoom, discussed information contained in a handout concerning COVID-19 including cases, hospitalizations and deaths in Arizona. Ms. Ross provided information regarding LCMC's Strategic Plan for 2022 and the financial stability of LCMC. Ms. Ross also advised that the monthly community meetings will continue and change focus from COVID to other local health concerns.

Mayor Cano stated that the city can provide assistance with regard to the community satisfaction survey that Ms. Ross referenced as part of their Strategic Plan. Mayor Cano also thanked Ms. Ross and her staff for acknowledging the various needs in the community following the pandemic.

D. Presentation from Nico Fricchione, ONETEN REI, Regarding Proposed Project in the Winslow Industrial Park

Nico Fricchione, Principle of ONETEN Real East Investments, began by stating that his company primarily focuses on commercial development with expertise in modular construction for mid to large scale residential communities. Mr. Fricchione stated that they have identified the Winslow Industrial Park as a potential opportunity to purchase, design and develop a master plan, sustainable community to include commercial development and a 1500 residential development.

After stating that the reason this site was chosen is Winslow's proximity to the Navajo Nation, Mr. Fricchione introduced Dr. William Richardson, CEO of Elite Innovation Health Services and Dr. James White, Board Certified PR Actioner for Mental Health AZ, both of whom spoke on how they help Native American individuals and families overcome behavioral and substance abuse related obstacles.

Abdullah Saeed Lootah, Director of S.S. Lootah Group, was introduced and provided information regarding his company that will also work on the Winslow project if it comes to fruition.

Mayor Cano referred to the fact that there is interest in this same area from other developers and stated that she is very interested in learning more about the program that ONETEN REI offers including taking a tour of their facility. There was further discussion regarding various aspects of their program and Councilmember Crisp commented

on her interest of the behavioral health spectrum. A member of the Navajo Nation community discussed his personal experience to utilize Dr. White and Dr. Richardson's expertise to overcome his addiction. Dr. White, Dr. Richardson and Mr. Lootah also responded to questions and comments from the Mayor and members of the Council.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Highlights of Various City Department Activities

After stating that his written report is provided to the Council in writing and also posted on the city website, the City Manager referred to the fact that Spring is upon us and staff is working hard to get the parks and fields ready for the season.

The City Manager then commented on the following items:

- Fiscal year 2023 budget process including the implementation of ClearGov
- Reinstatement of late fees and shutoffs to water customers
- The Army Corps of Engineers visit to tour the levee on April 6th

There was discussion regarding the inmate labor shortage and how staff will cover the gap wherein Mayor Cano stated that she has requested a meeting with the Warden to further discuss the issue.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson and Nelson voting yes.

- A. Discussion and/or Action to Approve the Check Register**
- B. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of March 8, 2022**
- C. Discussion and/or Action Relating to Reappointment of Members to the Arts Council**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Agreement Between the City and Winslow Little League, Inc. for their 2022 Season**

- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Proposal for Roofing Repairs at the Police Department**
- F. Discussion and/or Action to Repeal Ordinance No. 1368 Adopted by the City Council on August 10, 2021 Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property Located at 104 East First Street, Winslow, Arizona, for Public Use**
- G. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) Water Project Assistance Grant Agreement Related to Acceptance of Funds for Defending the City's Water Rights**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Request for Assistance for the July 2nd & 3rd Native American Pow Wow**

The City Manager discussed the meeting that was held with Pow Wow organizer Erin Dickson and commented on funding options available to provide the assistance that is being requested. The City Manager also responded to a question from Mayor Cano regarding in-kind services that would also be provided for the event.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Jackson seconded by Councilmember Cake, to approve the request for assistance for a monetary amount of no more than \$1,500.00. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson and Nelson voting yes.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Crisp, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to move into executive session. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson and Nelson voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney regarding use of development agreements and development incentives for economic development opportunities**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson and Nelson voting yes.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of the Winslow City Council held on March 22, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2022.

City Clerk